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If the expert disclosure deadline is extended sixty (60) days, the extension would compromise other related discovery deadlines. As a result, the Parties stipulate to the 60-day extension of other related discovery deadlines.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Court amend the Case Schedule for the reasons set forth herein.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Plaintiff commenced this action July 3, 2017, in Pierce County Superior Court. Docket at 1-2. Defendant Foremost removed this action to United States District Court on July 21, 2017. Dkt. at 1.

Since then, Foremost filed its Motion for Partial Summary Judgment seeking dismissal of Plaintiff's IFCA claim. Dkt. at 11. Defendant Foremost's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment is currently pending before the Court.

In order to potentially avoid incurring the cost of expert witnesses, the Parties stipulate to the extension of FRCP 26(a)(2) deadline by 60 days, along with the other related discovery deadlines. Extension of the expert deadline would conflict the other discovery deadlines, specifically the deadlines for discovery related motions and completion of discovery. As a result, the Parties stipulate to the extensions of the following deadlines by 60 days:

- Disclosure of expert testimony under FRCP 26(a)(2)
- All motions related to discovery
- Discovery completion

For the reasons set forth herein, the Parties respectfully request that the Court amend the current Case Schedule.

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III. LEGAL AUTHORITY

The decision to modify a scheduling order is within the broad discretion of the district court. *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 607 (9th Cir. 1992). The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure set forth a "good cause" standard for modifying a case schedule, and provide as follows:

(4) *Modifying a Schedule*. A schedule may be modified only for good cause and with the judge's consent.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4).

A Court's evaluation of "good cause" considers the diligence of the party seeking the amendment and the degree of prejudice to the non-moving party. *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations* 975 F.2d 604 (9th Cir. 1992).

In this case, there is no prejudice to the non-moving party because the Parties have stipulated to amending the Case Schedule. There is also good cause to amend the Case Schedule because the pending Motion for Summary Judgment could eliminate the need for expert testimony in this matter. Accordingly, extending the requested deadlines could prevent the unnecessary incurred costs of hiring experts.

As a result, there is good cause to amend the Case Schedule. The proposed Amended Case Schedule is as follows:

Case Events	Amended Due Date
Disclosure of expert testimony under FRCP 26(a)(2)	8/20/2018
All motions related to discovery must be FILED	9/28/2018
Discovery COMPLETED	10/19/2018

1 V. **ORDER** 2 Based on the foregoing Stipulation, it is hereby ORDERED that the Case Schedule be 3 amended as follows: 4 **Case Events Amended Due Date** 5 Disclosure of expert testimony under FRCP 26(a)(2) 8/20/2018 All motions related to discovery must be FILED 6 9/28/2018 7 Discovery COMPLETED 10/19/2018 8 DONE IN OPEN COURT this 31st day of May, 2018. 9 10 Ronald B. Leighton United States District Judge 11 Presented by: 12 LETHER & ASSOCIATES, PLLC 13 s/ Thomas Lether s/ Eric J. Neal 14 Thomas Lether, WSBA #18089 Eric J. Neal, WSBA #31863 15 1848 Westlake Ave N., Suite 100 Seattle, WA 98109 16 P: 206-467-5444/F: 206-467-5544 tlether@letherlaw.com 17 eneal@letherlaw.com Counsel for Defendant 18 ROGERS, KEE & CARD, P.S. 19 s/ Thomas J. Westbrook Thomas J. Westbrook, WSBA #4986 20 Rogers, Kee & Card, P.S. 21 324 West Bay Drive NW Olympia, WA 98502 22 P: 360-352-8311 F: 360-352-8501 23 tjw@buddbaylaw.com Counsel for Plaintiff

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